Discussion with Nepal on security issues

1141. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Home Secretary visited Nepal in the first week of July, 2000 to hold discussion with his counterpart in Nepal Government on security related matters before resumption of Indian Airlines flights; and

(b) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) Home Secretary visited Nepal from July 4-7, 2000 whereas the India Airlines flight between New Delhi and Kathmandu was resumed on June 1, 2000.

It was agreed to further intensify cooperation and jointly coordinate measures, including stepping up vigil along the contiguous border districts of India and Nepal, to counter activities inimical to India's interests. Shared concern on this matter was evident from the determination expressed by both sides to take urgent necessary steps to control misuse of the open border between the two countries. It was also agreed to introduce with effect from October 1, 2000, a pruned down list of photo identification documents that would be valid for air travel by Indian and Nepalese nationals between the two countries.

Friendship Clubs as Centre of Prostitution Racket

1142. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a large number of friendship clubs are running in Delhi, where prostitution rackets are being run;

(b) what steps Government propose to take to check this menace;

(c) whether Government propose to enquire into the affairs of these clubs;

(d) if so, bey when; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?